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YOUTH & FAMILIES LEAD THE WAY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Right where they live, work, and play, the youth and families of Tualatin help their community prosper by volunteering! This year, more than 60 kids volunteered in the Library, and more than 260 teen volunteers served throughout the city in multiple departments. Entire families participated in Library Spruce Ups and Put Down Roots in Tualatin planting events. Summer Teens contributed more than 1,200 hours of service to the Tualatin Library, and TEAM Tualatin contributed 2,800 hours maintaining City parks, green spaces and community assets. Thank you Tualatin families and youth for your time, your enthusiasm and your commitment to the community!

*Want to make a difference in Tualatin?
Check out these volunteer opportunities:*

PUT DOWN ROOTS IN TUALATIN

Brown's Ferry Park
Saturday 11/19: 9 am – 12 pm
Plant native trees, shrubs and plants that pollinators love!

99W BOAT LAUNCH

Saturday 12/3: 9 am – 12 pm
Invasive removal and litter pick up along the banks of the Tualatin River.

SPRUCE UP THE TUALATIN LIBRARY

Sunday 11/13: 10 am – 12 pm
Dust and shelve, sort media and socialize!

MOBILE MAKERSPACE - COMMUNITY EVENT ASSISTANT

Tualatin Library
Saturday 11/5 and Saturday 11/19: 6 pm – 8:30 pm
Help students make, innovate and create!

“LIGHT UP THE LAKE” WITH YOUR CORPORATE TEAM!

Gather with your coworkers to install twinkling holiday lights in preparation for the annual Starry Nights tree lighting event and the upcoming holiday season.

Dates Available: 11/7 through 11/11

Time: This is a 2 1/2 hour project and can be scheduled between 9 am and 5 pm

Location: Lake at Tualatin Commons, 7880 SW Nyberg Street

For more information about how to sign up for these opportunities, visit TUALATINOREGON.GOV/VOLUNTEER.

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STARRY NIGHTS & HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Friday, December 2
5:00 pm-8:30 pm
Location: Lake at Tualatin Commons

Please join us as we kick off the holidays with our annual Starry Nights and Holiday Lights Celebration on Friday, December 2, at the Tualatin Commons (8325 SW Nyberg Street). Be a part of a special night filled with thousands of twinkling lights, hundreds of song-filled voices, and the lighting of the floating holiday tree. This free family event will include music from our local youth choirs, the lighting of the floating holiday tree, holiday crafts, a visit from Santa, hot cocoa, and cookies. Events like this would not be possible without the support of our

local businesses! Thank you to Brow Betty, Comcast, Lee Farms, La Z Boy, Umpqua Bank, Starbucks, and New Seasons Market. For more information about this exciting event, please visit our website at TUALATINOREGON.GOV, or contact Heidi Marx at 503.691.3076 or HMARX@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US.

Performance Schedule

5:00 pm: Tualatin High School Brass Ensemble
5:30 pm: Tualatin High School Crimsonnaires
6:00 pm: Countdown to tree lighting & Santa arrives
6:15 pm: Magic Years Preschool & Reaching New Heights Pre-Kindergarten Choir
6:35 pm: Byrom Elementary Choir
6:55 pm: Tualatin Elementary Choir
7:15 pm: Bridgeport Elementary Choir
7:35 pm: Twality Middle School Treble Choir
7:55 pm: Hazelbrook Middle School Choir



COUNCIL SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY

The Tualatin City Council is searching for candidates interested in joining them in helping to shape and form policies for our great community. In October, Councilor Wade Brooksby resigned after serving for nearly six years. Due to the vacancy, the Council has decided to move forward with an application process which will be followed by interviews and a formal selection. in December. The candidate will serve until January 2019. The Tualatin City Council strongly encourages all interested applicants to apply. You can find out more information on the process and fill out an application at TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL.



RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY PARTNERS THROUGH GRANTS

Every year, the Tualatin City Council dedicates funding towards supporting community partners that provide vital needs and services to residents in our community. In August, the Council invited organizations to apply, inquiring about the services they provide and how they support local residents. At the September 12 work session, the Council awarded \$25,000 to nine agencies. These agencies include Community Action Organization, Community Warehouse, Domestic Violence Resource Center, Good Neighbor Center, Neighbors Nourishing Communities, Sexual Assault Resource Center, Tigard-Tualatin Compassion Clinic, Tigard-Tualatin Family Resource Center and the Tualatin School House Food Pantry. All of these programs bring tremendous support to Tualatin citizens, and the City Council is honored to help fund these programs that give so much to our community.

NOVEMBER IS VETERAN'S APPRECIATION MONTH

The Tualatin City Council has proclaimed that November is Veteran's Appreciation month and joins the community in celebrating and supporting the dedicated service of our military. Tualatin has a large population of veterans and has always supported our veteran population, including becoming a Purple Heart City. We want to express our deep appreciation and honor to each member of the veteran community here in Tualatin. Be sure to join us at the Juanita Pohl Center (8513 SW Tualatin Road) on November 10 at 8 am to help honor and recognize our veterans.



EXTENSION OF SW 124TH AVE MOVES FORWARD

The SW 124th Avenue Extension Project, which has long been a priority for the City of Tualatin, is continuing to move forward. Over the summer, grading and excavation started at the site of the extension near Tualatin-Sherwood road, and Washington County anticipates that paving will begin in the Spring of 2017, depending on weather conditions.

Further down, at the future intersection of SW 124th Ave and Tonquin Road, the alignment was completed by demolishing a portion of the old road. New walls are being built to complete the intersection and make way for the new Basalt Creek Parkway.

Basalt Creek Parkway, the other key component to this new route, is underway as well. The bridge over the railroad is near completion and Washing County anticipates that this portion of the road will open in spring 2017.

This is an important project that will provide for improved access to land designated for future industrial development and jobs. To learn more about the project please visit the project website at 124THPROJECT.COM.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AS A COOPERATIVE

In 1976, Washington County asked voters to approve the first countywide funding measure to support public library access for all residents. At the time, more than half the population of Washington County did not have free public library access. This levy provided funding enabling the six cities with public libraries to freely open their doors to any county resident.

Library service in Tualatin began the same year, through the WCCLS "Book Van." The Tualatin Public Library opened and joined the Cooperative in 1977. Being part of a cooperative means Tualatin residents have access to more than 1.6 million items in the countywide collection. The shared system also provides easier access to ebooks, online resources, and other materials.

Voters have continued to support countywide tax funding for WCCLS. WCCLS and member libraries appreciate the faith you have in libraries' ability to offer quality collections, programs, and services to Washington County families.

Your Passport to WCCLS

Discover the world of the Washington County Cooperative Library Services with a commemorative Passport to our member libraries. The Passport provides an incentive to explore neighboring libraries and to be inspired by the many unique experiences our public libraries offer. Through December 16 visit a library to pick-up a Passport and then collect a stamp at each location you visit.

December 1-16 present your Passport at a WCCLS member library and receive one drawing ticket for each library stamp in your Passport. Prize drawings will be held on December 20. (Repeat winners are not allowed.)

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Oregon voters are lucky. We have enjoyed the ease of voting by mail since 1998.

Returning ballots can be easy, too. There is a ballot box outside the Tualatin Library at 18878 SW Martinazzi Drive. Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on November 8. This drop site is open to any voter, regardless of address.

For more ballot dropsites, a link to track your ballot, and contact information for your county's election board, see the Oregon Secretary of State's website at [SOS.OREGON.GOV/VOTING/PAGES/MYBALLOT.ASPX](https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/myballot.aspx).

WINTERIZATION & FALL CLEAN-UP



As the winter season nears, it also initiates many changes in the services provided by the Operations Department.

Some items include:

- The interactive Crawfish water fountain at the Commons Lake will be closed for the season.
- Light pole banners, hanging flower baskets, and other flower beds have been removed.
- All outdoor public drinking fountains will be shut off to protect them from freezing.
- Ibach Park, Browns Ferry Park, Jurgens Park, and the Commons Lake restrooms will each have one restroom remain open for the winter.
- Decorative lights are being strung in the trees around the Commons Lake in preparation for the holiday season.



NEIGHBORS NOURISHING COMMUNITIES REDUCES HUNGER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Neighbors Nourishing Communities (NNC) is a local non profit whose mission is to *reduce hunger and strengthen communities through gardening*. NNC has dozens of volunteers in the local area, many of whom donate produce from their gardens in exchange for free plants and seeds. We also support low-income families with tools, plants, seeds, instruction, and gardens of their own. NNC has had a fantastic year. More than 1,800 pounds of organic produce have been grown and donated. We estimate that our volunteer gardeners retained at least 4,000 pounds of nutritious food for their own families. In addition, we had 12 families who were supported with gardens, several of whom also donated to others in need.

This year we began a new relationship with MITCH Charter School. NNC and students built four rolling germination stations complete with grow lights. These six foot tall rolling units can produce 800 seedlings every 6-8 weeks. Most of the year students will use these for science and agricultural education, but two months out of the year they raise all the plant starts for NNC's legion of volunteer gardeners. The students do a fantastic service to the community and were extremely helpful at the plant handout in May.

This year our most successful gardener is also our biggest business supporter. Since NNC's inception, the Tualatin Park Veterinary Clinic has offered their property to low-income families in need of a place to garden. This year the staff at the Clinic expanded and supported four families with large raised bed gardens as well as having their own clinic garden. From the staff's garden, and some donations by clinic clients, they raised over 525 pounds.

We're so proud of MITCH Charter School and Tualatin Park Veterinary Clinic. Broad-based community support for the well-being of others is what makes Tualatin such a great place to live.

... Mayor's Corner ...



It's that time of the year when I start reflecting on the great community we live in and the people that I serve and how thankful I am to be a part of a city that is truly the best!

Here are some of the things that I am particularly thankful for this year:

1. Being a finalist in the America's Best Community competition this year and having the opportunity to bring together folks from all segments of our community to advance STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and local jobs for future generations.
2. Knowing that our City is protected and served by the BEST, and highly accredited, public safety officials and agencies.
3. Having an active and engaged community that volunteer, participate in their CIO's and care about our community.
4. Being a finalist for the Oregon Blue Zones project. The opportunity to evaluate the health needs and bring representatives from our health, policy, and school sectors to think about creating a healthier community for our future.
5. Knowing that our Library, recreation programs, schools, and businesses all value and contribute to making our City great every day.

I'm so thankful to be the mayor of the Best City South of the North Pole - enjoy the season with your family!



MIDWEST CIO JOINS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS

The Midwest CIO3 district is excited to be part of the CERT Volunteer Mobilization Planning program. *CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team.* There are 20 volunteers from the surrounding Tualatin CIO communities who are graduating from the City's first CERT training program. Four of those volunteers are your neighbors in the Midwest CIO3 boundaries.

*Thank you volunteers
for your time and efforts!*

CIO leaders encourage every resident and neighborhood to "get prepared" for an unforeseen emergency crisis resulting by a disaster. We have the resources to help with training. Contact your CIO to get started.

The reality is that all CIOs need more trained CERT volunteers. Once you and your family are prepared, we encourage everyone to continue checking the events page of NEXTDOOR.COM and also the City of Tualatin's CIO website for further training and certification opportunities in the spring.

Talk with your CIO leader on how you can get involved in training through the "Map your Neighborhood" (MYN) training program or how to sign up for future CERT training dates.

Visit TUALATINCIO.ORG for more information.

**WATCH CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS LIVE ON
TUALATINOREGON.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL,
THE 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM**

All City Council and Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for citizen comment.

The agenda and packet materials are available for review in the Library, City offices and at TUALATINOREGON.GOV generally seven calendar days prior to the Council meeting.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in the Juanita Pohl Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Rd. (in Community Park).

Do you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter? Please contact Tanya Williams, at 503.691.3065 or TWILLIAMS@CI.TUALATIN.OR.US.



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please recycle.*

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